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Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia can be treated in patients suffering with this condition by administering a therapeutically effective amount of simvastatin. Dosages above 40 mg/day, and more particularly at or above 80 mg/day, were found to effectively reduce the LDL cholesterol levels in these patients.

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